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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/736,402	ROSTRON ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Scott Bauer	2841	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amd filed 2/7/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-33 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. Claims 1 & 14 are allowable because the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest an electric power switch comprising an impedance contactor operable for entering the impedance into the circuit on the closing stroke and removing the impedance from the circuit on the opening stroke, the impedance contactor comprising an annular retracting contact surrounding the fixed contact of the power contactor and an annular traveling contact surrounding and moving with the moving contact of the power contactor; and a timing device comprising a pneumatic chamber within the retracting contact vented by a restrictive orifice.

Applicant's amendment to Claims 1 & 14 places a pneumatic puffer inside the retracting contact which is neither taught or fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

4. Claim 26 is allowable because the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest an electric power switch comprising an impedance contactor operable for entering the impedance into the circuit the circuit on the closing stroke and removing the impedance from the circuit on the opening stroke, the impedance contactor comprising

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an annular retracting contact surrounding the fixed contact of the power contactor and an annular traveling contact surrounding and moving with the moving contact of the power contactor; and a base plate located within the cap supporting a second end of the impedance, at least one insulating spacer located between the base plate and a second end of the cap, at least one post extended from the base plate and through a hole in the second end of the cap, the post supporting the retracting contact adjacent to the second end of the cap, and wherein the post carries an electric current between the retracting contact and the impedance during operation of the switch.

The Examiner agrees with Applicant that the amendment to Claim 26 defeats the rejection of the previous action.

5. Claims 2-13 are allowable as they depend from Claim 1, which is also allowable.

6. Claims 15- 25 are allowable as they depend from Claim 14, which is also allowable.

7. Claim 27- 33 are allowable as they depend from Claim 26, which is also allowable.

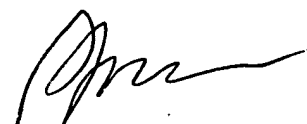
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott Bauer whose telephone number is 571-272-5986. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on 571-272-2058. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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